



ISICSB FirstNet Broadband Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Michele Bischof, Chair
Jason Hoffman, Vice-Chair
Haley Nichols, SWIC
Curtis “Wally” Walser, Deputy SWIC

*** Please note: This meeting will be held via in-person and GoTo Meeting Link ***

Michele Bischof
City of Des Moines Fire Dept.

Eric Dau
Clinton County Communications

Blake DeRouchey
Iowa Homeland Security &
Emergency Management

Dennis Hart
Department of Management

Jason Hoffman
Carroll County 911 Coordinator

William McLain, Master Sergeant
Iowa National Guard/Dept. of
Defense

Haley Nichols
SWIC - ISICSB

Alicia Turnis
City of Dubuque

Curtis “Wally” Walser
City of Cedar Rapids Fire Dept.

Jim Wittenwyler
Department of Public Safety

Bob Younie
Department of Transportation

Vacant
Governor’s Office

RIC Leaders
Rob Dehnert, RIC 1 Chair
Jason Hoffman, RIC 1 Vice-Chair
Brian Blodgett, RIC 2 Chair
Andy Flagge, RIC 2 Vice-Chair
Corey Trucke, RIC 3 Chair
Shawn Olson, RIC 3 Vice-Chair
Gabe Barney, RIC 4 Chair
Tyler Thygesen, RIC 4 Vice-Chair
Larry Smith, RIC 5 Chair
Vacant, RIC 5 Vice-Chair
Vacant, RIC 6 Chair
Steph Coffey, RIC 6 Vice-Chair

FIRSTNET MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order/Conference Line

Meeting called to order by Chair Bischof at 9:00 a.m.

GoTo conference telephone line and GoTo Meeting were opened.

Committee Members Present In-person: Michele Bischof, Curtis “Wally” Walser

Committee Members Present via Conference Line & GoTo Meeting: Mindy Benson, Brian Blodgett, Eric Dau, Rob Dehnert, Blake DeRouchey, Jason Hoffman, Corey Trucke, Alicia Turnis, Bob Younie

Guests Present In-person & via Conference Line & GoTo Meeting: Hollie Davidson, Haley Nichols

Guests Present In-person: Jeff Brian, Jared Byrne, Danny Noble, Jon Olson, Richard Pierce, Tyler Richard, Andy Sackreiter

Guests Present via Conference Line & GoTo Meeting: Jeff Brian, Jared Byrne, Danny Noble, Jon Olson, Richard Pierce, Tyler Richard, Andy Sackreiter

Committee Members Absent: Gabe Barney, Steph Coffey, Andy Flagge, Dennis Hart, William McLain, Shawn Olson, Larry Smith, Tyler Thygesen, Jim Wittenwyler

Welcome Remarks – Chair Bischof

Chair Bischof welcomed the group, and introductions of those present in person and via GoTo Meeting and conference line were made.

Review Action Items from Previous Meeting

a. Update on “Who’s on FirstNet?” Database (Brian Blodgett)

- Currently there have been over 5,000 views/hits to the website
- Continue to encourage agencies to sign-up on the database

c. SCIP review and input (Chair Bischof)

- SCIP review is tentatively scheduled to take place in summer or fall of 2023
- Continue to review SCIP goals for FirstNet Committee
- Link to SCIP: https://dps.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/commissioners-office/interoperability-communications/isics-board/pdfs/resource%20reports/2020_2023_Iowa_SCIP.pdf

FirstNet Update (Jon Olson)

Jon Olson provided the following update:

- New Chief Executive Officer – plans to visit Iowa FirstNet Committee in the future
- Carroll County Outreach Event held on for March 13, 2023 – very successful
 - Discussed high-level overview of FirstNet
 - FirstNet Deployables
 - Q & A
 - Subscriber-paid users
 - Focus on Fire and EMS
- RAGBRAI planning is in progress
- Looking for feedback regarding how agencies in Iowa are using FirstNet – contact Jon at jon.olson@firstnet.gov with any feedback

AT&T Update (Tyler Richard)

a. New Tower Sites:

One new site has launched since the January 2023 FirstNet Committee meeting: SE of Des Moines in Harvey, IA

b. Outreach Events

- Contact Tyler (tr2800@att.com) or Jon (jon.olson@firstnet.gov) for scheduling outreach events

SWIC Report (SWIC Nichols)

SWIC Nichols gave the following update:

- Audio Gateway Course in April 2023
 - COML in May 2023
 - COMT in June 2023
 - INTD Course October 2023
- (more information and registration for all courses can be located at <https://dps.iowa.gov/divisions/commissioners-office/interoperability-communications/isics-board/education-and-training>)
- SWIC Nichols reports that she has submitted a grant for additional cache radios – if approved, the additional radios will eliminate the need to borrow radios from the National Guard.
 - Coverage testing in Davis County went well – plan to conduct more testing in additional southern counties
 - Provided training to Guthrie County and Iowa National Guard
 - Final edits to TICP have been submitted to the contractor
 - Committees are reviewing the Iowa FOG and expected to be completed in the next couple of months
 - Iowa/Illinois interstate interoperability meeting scheduled for April 6, 2023

Old Business

None

New Business (Chair Bischof)

a. Andy Sackreiter Presentation

AT&T RAN Director Andy Sackreiter presented an update on the buildout and future goals:

- 2023 new site build plan – fill-in as needed – reach out to AT&T if there are and coverage gaps that need filled in
- 2023 carrier added plan
- 2023 macro capacity plan
- Iowa achieved Final Operating Condition (FOC) goal for rural and non-rural Band-14 coverage
- Majority of all new site builds in Iowa are Band-14
- Andy showed a map indicating AT&T's original buildout commitment vs. what was actually completed during the 5-year plan – buildout exceeded what was originally promised
- Update regarding generator placement – ramped up generator placement after Iowa derecho in August 2020
- US Cellular roaming agreement update
 - Andy is aware of no changes regarding the roaming agreement
 - Agencies/stakeholders are encouraged to report and give feedback regarding roaming issues and coverage

- Redundancy of backhaul at sites is done at the aggregation level
- Continue to fill-in gaps where needed
- Interoperability with other carriers – core network on FirstNet will not connect to other commercial carriers

Questions/Open Discussion/Comments

Chair Bischof reports that she will be stepping down as the FirstNet Committee Chair; however, she will continue to serve as a member of the Committee. Mindy Benson will be replacing Michele as Chair of the Committee.

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New Action Items

None

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, @ 9:00 am

Location: **GoTo Meeting Link:** <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/904316493>

Conference Line: +1 (669) 224-3412

Access Code: 904-316-493

In-person: DPS

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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.